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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BECK ET AL.

Examiner

Kevin C. Simons

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-51 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 33 and 51 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21, 22, 25, 31, 32, 34, 37, 39, 43, 44 and 46-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 23, 24, 26, 29, 36, 38, 40-42 and 45 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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Claims 21-22, 25, 31, 32, 34, 37, 39, 43, 44 and 46-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jean-Marie Parel et al EP Pat. No. 0 927 560 A1.

Parel discloses an ocular apparatus comprising: a medicament containment member (15); a handle (16), including lateral straddling member (lateral portion of 16) and a medial straddling member (medial portion of 16), wherein placement of the medical containment member directly on the eye being maintained by the operable cooperation of the handle and soft tissue proximate the eye (2c); and a current distribution member in electrical communication with the medicament containment member (11', 12' and electrical source); as to claims 22, 25, (fig. 2c); as to claim 31, (11); as to claim 32, (16); as to claim 34, (see rejection of claim 21); as to claims 35, 37, 39, 43, 44, 46-50, (see above rejections).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 23-24, 26, 29, 36, 38, 40-42 and 45 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Note: Withdrawn claims 33 and 51 should be canceled, since it has been placed in independent form with claim 21.

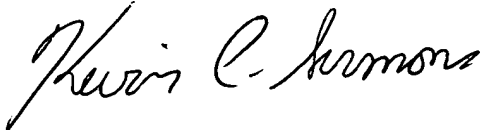
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin C. Sirmons whose telephone number is 571-272-4965. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:30-4:00 ALT FRI.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Art Unit 3767
1/23/06

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin C. Sirmons", written in a cursive style.